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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 75**  
**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**RECOGNIZING MARCH 4, 2003 AS "ESPANOLA VALLEY AND RIO ARRIBA**  
**COUNTY DAY" AT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies nestled in both Rio**  
**Arriba and Santa Fe counties, is surrounded by the pueblos of**  
**Santa Clara and San Juan and has a vigorous tri-cultural**  
**history; and**

**WHEREAS, 1998 marked the four hundredth anniversary of**  
**Hispanic influence in the Espanola valley, commencing in 1598**  
**with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the**  
**opening of the trade route known as El Camino Real, running**  
**from Mexico to the Pueblo of San Juan; and**

**WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural**  
**diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and traditions**  
**that can be found throughout New Mexico; and**

